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## FREEDOM HEROES OF NAPERVILLE

Name: **Arthur G Pradel** "George"

Conflict: **Cold War** Theater:

Branch: **Marines** Organization: **1st Division, Fleet Marine Tanks**

Rank: **Corporal** Duty: **Tank Crew**

Entered: **Enlisted** Service From: **05/1956** to **1960**

Combat From: to

POW From: to

Locations / Battles: **Camp Pendleton, 29 Palms**

Medals / Citations: **Good Conduct**

Killed In Action:

Wounded In Action:

Disabled In Action:

Name On Plaque:

Entry Home Town: **Naperville, IL**

Connection To Naperville: **Mayor – Naperville; Police Officer; Officer Friendly**

Hero's Story:

I joined the Marines in 1956 with three other high school classmates, Jerry Highland, Richard Firestein and Robert Freed. They called their plan of serving together the "Buddy Plan." We went through boot camp together and then were sent to separate duty stations. The Marine Corps made men out of us.

Later, Bob became a printer, Rich a mailman, Jerry a plumber and I became a police officer in Naperville. Jerry was a good baseball player and loved helping out in Little League. He was taking kids home after a game on a foggy night when he was killed by a drunk driver in Aurora.

